

Sir

Will you please me to call the attention
of your readers to one or two adaptations
in the organization known as the
"Parents' Union School" ^{the} which may
make its scheme of work more available
^{in districts} for schools belonging to the "Parents' Schools
Association".

The work is now definitely set for
six forms, instead of four form classes,
the ages covered, (six to eighteen) remain
the same, but - for the convenience of
our schools the usual primary has
been adapted. ^{This change has been effected} ~~though~~ with some difficulty
because the reading of considerable books
is an essential feature of ^{our} ~~the~~ school
work with which no change in class-book
may be allowed to interfere.

The considerable number of good books
required by each pupil in each class
is found to ^{be} ~~be~~ ^{many} ~~many~~ ^{cases} ~~cases~~

the heads of schools
 obsolete, because better & often cheaper
 to provide the books used in the ~~class~~
 classes. A suggestion issuing from
 the Board of Education may be of use
 in Private as well as in Elementary
 Schools, that is, that for a class of
 40 children it would be desirably
 to get 4 sets of ^{booklets} books instead of
 one set of 40; & by a little adaptation of
 the time-table, the whole class would cover
 the ground in private study with ^{say} a quarter
 of the number of books of each of the
 set books.

Many heads of schools know how exceptionally
 well children do who have been brought
 up on a method which is largely one
 of self-study, & we know how keen
 & ardent regret the change often, for reasons
 of companionship & convenience, they
 send their children ^{to school} with the usual
 curriculum & methods. For this reason
 it would be a satisfactory & all associated

with this organization of many private
schools untraced, the scholars ^{C. B. Allen} from
scholarships, pass examinations
and are keenly interested & diligent
students throughout their school life;

fewer teachers are necessary than
the children read ^{for themselves} about, & parents find
this course of study interesting & stimulating.

As the practice of the Parents Union
School rests on a considerable body of
theory which I may not expound here,
^{reference to} I refer your readers to the General
Secretary of the Union for further information.
^{at all times when} the general practice of schools
is likely to be a good deal disturbed
by the fact that the Board of Education
protects against any but a formal examination

on leaving school whether at sixteen
or eighteen, ^{my knowledge of schools} though it
will ^{be} considered an organization
which has been very successful
in quarters of a century or so.

Yours very truly
J. M. L. [Signature]
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Sir

Will you allow me to call the attention of your readers to one or two adaptations in the organisation known as the "Parents' Union School" which may make its scheme of work more available ~~for~~ than hitherto for Schools belonging to the Private Schools Association.

The work is now definitely set for six forms, instead of for four classes; the ages covered (six to eighteen) remain the same, but for the convenience of our schools the usual grouping has been adopted. This change has been affected with some difficulty because the reading of considerable books is an essential feature of our school work with which no change in classification may be allowed to interfere.

The number of good books required by each pupil in each class is found to be an obstacle in many cases because the Heads of schools often prefer to provide the books used. A suggestion issuing from the Board of Education may be of use in Private as well as in Elementary Schools; that is, that for a class of forty children it would be desirable to get four sets of ten books instead of one set of forty; so that by a little adaptation of the time-table, the whole class would cover the ground in private study with, say, a quarter of the number of each of the set books.